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**Subject: September and October 2017 Cultural Resource Monitoring Report for
Expanded Area of Potential Effects**
Leviathan Mine Site
Alpine County, California

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

This letter summarizes the cultural resource monitoring activities conducted by Atlantic Richfield Company in September and October 2017 within the expanded Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Leviathan Mine Site in Alpine County, California. Cultural resource monitoring associated with 2017 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) ground disturbing field activities within the expanded APE is being performed in accordance with the Section 106 protocols (protocols) presented in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) letter dated April 19, 2016. The protocols state that U.S. EPA "shall provide a monthly letter summary report to the consulting parties." In addition, "the monthly report will be provided to the parties within 30 days after the end of the reporting month, and will include a letter summarizing the month's activities and cultural resources found, and the actions taken to avoid any such resources." We understand that U.S. EPA will provide this letter as the monthly letter summary report to the consulting parties.

The RI/FS is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Work attached to the Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Docket No. 2008-18 issued by the U.S. EPA on June 23, 2008.

On September 19 and 20, Amec Foster Wheeler's archaeologists recorded two cultural resource sites along the East Fork of the Carson River. These sites were observed during sampling activities conducted in late 2016; however, because of the onset of winter weather conditions, the sites could not be recorded in 2016. The site records and maps for these resources are in progress.

From September 25 through October 18, 2017, Amec Foster Wheeler's archaeologists worked as integral members of the field teams during soil sampling for bioaccessibility testing, which was conducted at locations that were sampled previously during 2016. During the 2016 sampling events, ground-clearance surveys were conducted with a Washoe Tribal Monitor; thus, in 2017 the archaeologists were present to assist with sampling activities and to be



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present for monitoring in the event of unanticipated discoveries during these ground disturbing activities. No unanticipated discoveries were made during sampling activities.

No additional ground-disturbing field activities will be performed in the expanded APE this year; thus, this is the final monthly report to be submitted in 2017.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (657) 529-4537 or anthony.brown@bp.com.

Sincerely,



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